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And I Shall Love—

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AND I shall always love:

The smoky, dried-up smell of fallen leaves,
The heavy, too-sweet scent of green-house rooms,
And rain that patterns on my roof until I sleep,
The crunchy tinkle of snow beneath the horses' hoofs,
Church bells on clear, cold Sunday mornings.

AND I shall love:

Moonlight sifted through white ruffled curtains,
The mellow, friendly light from windows at dusk,
The downy underside of silver birch leaves,
And frothy, grayish smoke from slowing trains,
Lovers' eyes, and a tiny baby's beaming smiles.

AND I shall love

Soft rain that spatters on my face and in my eyes.

